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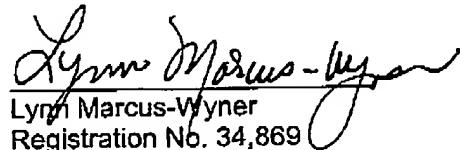
REMARKS

With entry of the present amendment, claims 3, 6 – 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 23, 25, 27 – 33, 75, and 77 – 83 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 13, 16, 17, 20 – 22, 24, 26, 34 – 74, 76, and 84 – 92 have been cancelled, without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to file further continuation and/or divisional applications on the subject matter of any cancelled claims.

In the Office Action dated January 27, 2006, the Examiner indicated at the previous rejections of claims 3, 6 – 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 23, 25, 27 – 33, 75, and 77 – 83 under 35 U.S.C. §112, 1st ¶ and under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) were withdrawn, and further that said claims were allowed. Newly submitted claims 84 – 92 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, 1st ¶ and under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Applicants have cancelled these claims, without prejudice, from the present application.

In light of the above amendments, Applicants believe the pending claims are in condition for allowance and issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (650) 846-7620.

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